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## 1. Corrective labor camps in Bulgaria:

- a. Belene (20 km ESE of Nikopol on the Danube River)
- b. Bogdanov Dol (now: Dimitrov) near Pernik (30 km SW of Sofia) with about 3,700 prisoners.
- c. Nosharovo/Dobrudja, 50 km ESE of Tutrakan
- d. Terter/Dobrudja (no details on the location)
- e. Bosna/Dobrudja (30 km ESE of Tutrakan)
- f. Bashtino (no details on location)
- g. Kufaldje (now: Tarkan) (30 km SE of Tutrakan); the so-called "black company" comprised of the most dangerous political prisoners are in this camp. Their bread ration is as low as 100 grams per day.
- h. Nine thousand and eight hundred prisoners are now detained in the camps a through g. They do excavating, dam construction and agricultural work.

## 2. Belene corrective labor camp.

- a. Camp CO: Angel Koriev, major of the militia
- b. Camp supervisor (political commissar): Todor Milenkov, Lt Col
- c. Soviet camp inspection: A uniformed Soviet colonel inspects this camp on an average of once a month to give directives. His name is unknown.
- d. Camp inmates:

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(1) Number: 1,000 prisoners were interned there in early 1950, their number constantly fluctuating. An average of 40 prisoners was daily delivered to this camp.

(2) Composition: About 65 persons including former deputies and ex-ministers, physicians, engineers, lawyers, professors, officials, merchants, etc. The following names were available:

Ivan Valkov (since 1945), former ambassador to Rome

Hristov Stojanov, ex-minister of agriculture and the interior  
Stefan Dimitrov

Nikola Aleksiev

Mihail Mihailov, chief assistant of Genge Dimitrov

Mintscho Brandalevski, confidant of Giscnev

Mintscho Ivanov

Colonel Marin Mikov

Stojan Kolev and

Schivarev.

e. Labor: The prisoners are constructing a dam on the Danube island of Tersin.

f. Working and living conditions of the prisoners:

(1) Prisoners worked 10 hours per day with an 1-hour recess at noon. Sundays were rarely observed and no other resting days were given. During his half-year term, [ ] had only two resting days plus half a resting day on Stalin's birthday.

(2) Dependents can visit the prisoners three times a year: On New-year's Day, on 1 May and on 9 September. Prisoners who failed to have good records were denied these visits. In theory, one post card per week may be received; in reality, however, the prisoners get no mail for two or three months. The same applies to mail the prisoners send to their families.

(3) Prisoners are allowed to receive one 5-kg parcel (clothing and food) per month.

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